

ANNEX 1: PROGRESS TOWARDS PROGRAM INDICATORS

Project title and number	Fostering Opportunities for the Youth Through IDRC Supported Research: A Partnership with the Youth Economic Opportunities Network/YEO Network Global South Scholar Bursary Grant no. 108942-001
Period of reference for the report	08/2019 – 01/2020
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This annex was created to monitor the immediate and intermediate outcomes of research projects funded by the Employment and Growth program. These indicators will track the research projects' progress toward the achievement of the program targets approved by IDRC's board in 2015. This exercise is for IDRC internal reporting only.

This form is meant to be filled out by grantees each time a technical report is submitted. Please provide quantitative and qualitative responses based on actual achievements (and not targets) on all relevant questions below. Make sure that all stated results are explained in a succinct narrative text.

It is important to note that research projects are not supposed to score on all indicators; therefore it is normal that a lot of them remain blank.

1. Outcomes – Positioning to inform policy and practice

1.1 Has this project been used to influence and inform policies/programs that promote women and youth's economic empowerment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

IDRC submitted four proposals that were approved for inclusion by the Global Advisory Committee for inclusion in the 2018 and 2019 Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit (GYEO) agendas, and led by IDRC grantees or in collaboration with presenting partners. In 2018, the first breakout session addressed the obstacles and benefits of youth joining the gig community in Latin America and was entitled, *"The Gig Economy: Challenges and Opportunities for Latin American Youth"*. The second 2018 breakout session discussed violence, trauma, and other disruptive elements that many youth throughout Latin America face in addition to unemployment entitled, *"Youth Economic Opportunities and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean: Unpacking the Relationship and Exploring Solutions"*.

In 2019, the first breakout session was a 90-minute deep-dive alongside Laterite, The Education Development Center (EDC), and RTI International entitled, *"Connecting School to Work: How Work-Based Learning (WBL) Improves Job Opportunities for Youth,"* the session discussed how Work-Based Learning (WBL) is instrumental in improving youth transitions from school to work, and brought together insights from both practice and research, offering new evidence on WBL in low and middle-income countries, in particular in contexts of high informality. The second 2019 breakout session brought together IDRC, Universidad del Valle, FLASCO Costa Rica, and Glasswing International to present, *"Youth, Violence & Economic Opportunities in Latin America: Breaking Territorial Stigmas, Building Effective Solutions."* The session examined IDRC's partnership with FLASCO Costa

Rica in support of particular projects that study the relationships between youth economic opportunities, and violence in five different Latin American countries.

All sessions in 2018 and 2019 received positive feedback from participants through the Summit surveys, with the session, *“Youth Economic Opportunities and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean: Unpacking the Relationship and Exploring Solutions”*, becoming the focal point of discussion for a webinar following the 2019 GYEO Summit that took place in mid-August.

By attending the GYEO Summit, the Global South Scholars networked with other Summit attendees to learn more about their organizations and their work. They shared and discussed policies regarding economic prospects for young people from different parts of the globe that would inform future research projects. The depth of experience and knowledge present at the Summit provided the opportunity for the Global South Scholars to collaborate with, and learn from organizations that had offered fresh perspectives on how to contribute to the future of work for youth in developing contexts.

1.2 Has this project been used to incentivize policies and program to use an inclusive business approach?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

1.3 Has this project been referenced in national or international policies and practices? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

Not to our knowledge.

1.4 Does this project have stories of policy makers actively engaged in discussing issues at policy or other events? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide names, dates and contexts:

Not to our knowledge. Policy makers were present at the 2018 and 2019 GYEO Summits however and may have participated in the sessions.

2. Outcomes – Positioning for scale

2.1 Has this project contributed to the development or implementation of innovative business tools, strategies and financial products to facilitate access to economic opportunities? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

2.2 Has this project being scaled up or expanded into new areas/countries? Or is it planning to? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

2.3 Is this project partnering with institutions, agencies, banks and advisory groups engaged in discussing research results on financial inclusion? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide names and contexts:

2.4 Has this project allowed women and youth to have access to finance mechanisms and financial inclusion?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide numbers and explanations:

3. Outcomes – Strengthening of evidence base

3.1 Has this project been promoted so far in media instances (press releases, blogs, articles)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain and provide dates and web links:

IDRC, through the YEO Network ApplyIt! Webinar series hosted a virtual learning event in August 2019.

<https://youtheconomicopportunities.org/event/11533/youth-economic-opportunities-and-violence-central-america>

The webinar was promoted through the YEO Network communications channels, including the YEO Network Newsletter, and via the Network's social media platform.

The breakout sessions featuring the Global South Scholars are currently included in the online 2019 GYEO Summit Agenda, as well as in the list of presenters.

<https://www.youtheosummit.org/agenda-oct-one>

<https://www.youtheosummit.org/2019-presenters>

All Summit presenter content, including IDRC sessions, are also available on the YEO Network learning hub, www.youtheconomicopportunities.org.

3.2 How many peer-reviewed publications (peer-reviewed books and chapters, articles, monographs) were submitted or accepted so far?

Please specify titles, authors, web links and confirm status (submitted or accepted):

No peer-reviewed publications submitted or accepted to date.

3.3 How many policy briefs were produced so far?

Please specify titles, authors and web links:

No policy briefs produced to date.

4. Outcomes – Building capacity of researchers

4.1 Has this project helped your organisation (or implementation partners) to be recognized as a leader in its field? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

The Annual Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit (GYEO) convenes more than 500 technical experts from 60+ countries committed to advancing the social and economic well-being of young people globally. Changemakers, innovators, and leading technical experts join the Summit to increase the impact, scale, and sustainability of youth economic opportunities programming, policies, and partnerships around the globe.

One goal for the Summit is to include more academics and researchers from around the world represented at the event through breakout sessions and in plenary-level discussions. GYEO Summits does regularly receive proposals that feature new research and evidence-based projects or programs as a viable tool to enhance youth unemployment, but the range of organizations and researchers represented has typically been limited to the United States or Europe. Thus, collaborating with IDRC to support the Global South Scholars bursaries provided a unique opportunity to broaden the reach of the YEO Network and Summit to include new research experts from the LAC region.

The relationship leveraged the YEO Network's GYEO Summit and year-round learning events to advance learning, collaboration, and knowledge exchange for the youth development community in the form of webinars, and online dissemination of research, tools, and other resources that are relevant. The Global South Scholars' participation as panelists during two breakout sessions significantly supported the project profiles of not only their research and work, but also helped grow the GYEO Summit's visibility and reputation as the leading event for experts from around the world, who create and implement innovative solutions for young people.

4.2 Has this project helped researchers (female/male) to be recognized as thought-leaders and called upon for their inputs? ☒ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide names and contexts:

As presenters at the 2018 and 2019 GYEO Summits, Global South Scholars joined other leading experts and innovators from around the world as recognized thought leaders in the youth economic opportunities sector.

4.3 Have any researchers from your organization received a prestigious award or participated in high-level committees since the project started? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

Not to our knowledge.

4.4 Has this project supported graduate students (female/male)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please report on all kind of support (scholarships, training, mentoring) and provide separate numbers for male/female students:

1. Marianna Viollaz, a recent graduate and Associate Professor at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE) in México, attended the GYEO Summit as a Global South Scholar.

4.5 Has this project supported emerging researchers (females/males) to be trained to build their leadership skills? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

5. Outcomes – Enabling partnerships for greater impact

5.1 Has this project permitted the leverage of external funds? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain and specify the amount and currency:

5.2 Has this project led to engagement with new partners including the private sector? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please specify the partners and the nature of the collaboration:

Not to our knowledge.